

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR GRANT

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK
DECEMBER 27, 2014 A.D.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION AND REMEMBRANCE

HONORING THE LIFE OF
LEON HARE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, to be held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 8th day of January, 2015 A.D., a proclamation will be adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on December 21, 2014, removed from our midst Leon Hare, in whose death we have lost a sincere and loyal friend, as well as a valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Leon Hare was born, raised and educated in Buffalo, New York; he was the oldest of six children born to the union of the late William and Lillie Hare; and

WHEREAS, Leon Hare was raised in the Ellicott District of Buffalo and was a graduate of Hutchison Technical High School where he was known for his outstanding athleticism as an accomplished basketball player, was viewed by some, as a forerunner of the hook shot used by many skilled NBA players today; and

WHEREAS, Leon Hare was committed to God, family and country and served with great honor and distinction when he was drafted into the United States Army in 1942; he received an Honorable Discharge after being stationed in Italy and Germany and returned home to begin a career as a steelworker at the Buffalo Forge Company; and

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WHEREAS, In 1947, Leon Hare met and later married Margaret Eileen Sealy; they bought a house on Monroe Street where they raised their three children, Frances C. Hare, L. Nathan Hare (Denise) and Lorna C. Hare; and

WHEREAS, Leon Hare loved bowling, and from the early 1960s through his retirement in 1992, he managed the Ellicott Lanes on Genesee Street and then the Ellicott-Allied Lanes on Manhattan Street in Buffalo; Leon became a father of sorts in the African-American bowling community, where he taught and mentored more than a thousand young people, imparting values into their lives and giving them a refuge from peer pressure and daily life stressors in a changing world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does herein acknowledge that Leon Hare was a treasured jewel in his family, community and all whom he touched along his journey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that given the aforementioned, this Honorable Body finds it only fitting and proper to make his coming and his going, his birth and his death, a matter of Erie County history and do hereby proclaim today, December 27, 2014 as “Leon Hare Day” in the County of Erie.

HON. BETTY JEAN GRANT

*Democratic Leader of the Erie County Legislature
2nd District Legislator*